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~~82.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~80~~, wherein said lipid formulation is prepared by the method comprising:

(a) contacting said nucleic acid with a solution comprising non-cationic lipids and a detergent to form a nucleic acid-lipid mixture;

(b) contacting cationic lipids with the nucleic acid-lipid mixture, thereby forming a charge-neutralized mixture of nucleic acids and lipids; and

(c) removing the detergent from the charge-neutralized mixture to provide the lipid-nucleic acid particles in which the nucleic acids are protected from degradation.

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~~83.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~69~~¹⁵, wherein the vinca alkaloid is a member selected from the group consisting of vinblastine, vincristine, and vinorelbine.

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~~84.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~74~~²², wherein the vinca alkaloid is a member selected from the group consisting of vinblastine, vincristine, and vinorelbine.

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~~85.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~38~~¹, wherein the foreign gene is a therapeutic gene.

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~~86.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~69~~¹⁵, wherein the foreign gene is a therapeutic gene.

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~~87.~~ (New) The method of claim ~~74~~²², wherein the foreign gene is a therapeutic gene.